



Julia Morgan

Early Architect

1872-1957

In the late 1800s, when men dominated the profession, young Julia Morgan chose a career in architecture. Against odds, the San Francisco-born woman earned a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. She faced a larger challenge in Paris, where she sought admission to L'Ecole des Beaux Arts. The world's finest school of architecture had never admitted a woman. Morgan's 1902 graduation certificate rewarded her daring.

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During her half-century career, Morgan designed hundreds of buildings with passion, artistry and architectural expertise. Among her extraordinary projects is California's treasured Hearst Castle.

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Acknowledgements

1. Julia Morgan, center, with clients William Randolph and Millicent Hearst on her left, and artist Orrin Peck and an unknown woman on Julia's right, courtesy of California Historical Society, FN-27946.
2. William Randolph Hearst and Julia Morgan, courtesy of Marc Wanamaker, Bison Archives.
3. State of California Architect's License #27 awarded to "Miss Julia Morgan", March 1, 1904. Courtesy of California State Archives.
4. Tiles (below) designed by Julia Morgan.

